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by adding the following new section immediately preceding the last section and by renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

SECTION __. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is further amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

71-5-195. Prior to January 15, 2004, the TennCare Bureau shall determine the viability of the future of the TennCare program. Such evaluation shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Cost savings in the pharmacy program;
- (2) Resolution to legal actions against the program both pending cases and agreed orders;
- (3) Flexibility by the federal government for increased federal funding and programmatic changes to the TennCare program; and
- (4) The viability of and the need for rehabilitation or liquidation of managed care organizations participating in the TennCare Program.

Such evaluation shall be in consultation and coordination with the department of commerce and insurance.

Should the TennCare Bureau determine that continuing the TennCare program is not a viable option, then on or before January 14, 2004, the TennCare Bureau shall submit a report outlining an alternative plan or program to replace the TennCare program to provide medical assistance to those recipients determined to be eligible under Title 7, Chapter 5, Part 1, to receive medical

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assistance that conforms to the requirements of title XIX of the Social Security

Act and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.